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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph 0006 on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention provides a system and method for holding and screening samples. According to one embodiment of the invention, a sample screening apparatus includes a plurality of capillaries formed into an array of adjacent capillaries, wherein each capillary comprises at least one wall defining a lumen for retaining a sample. The apparatus further includes interstitial material disposed between adjacent capillaries in the array, and optionally, one or more reference indicia ~~formed~~ disposed within the interstitial material.